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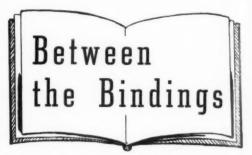
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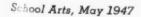
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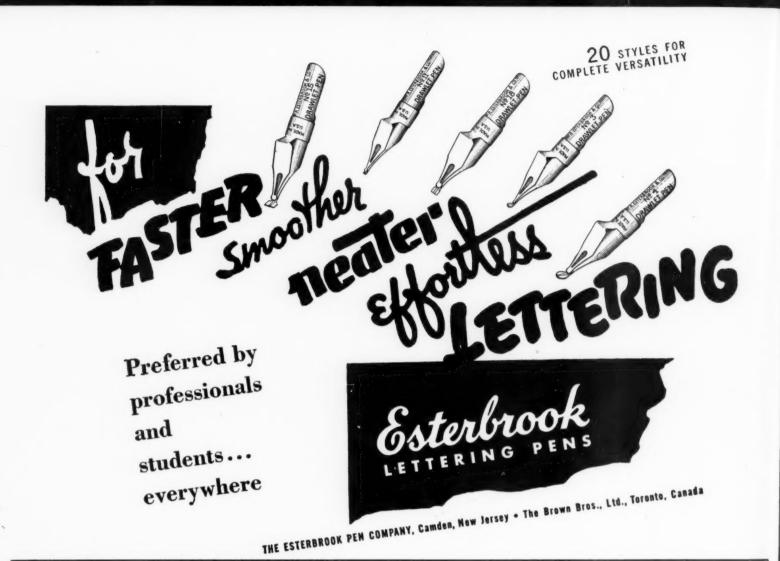
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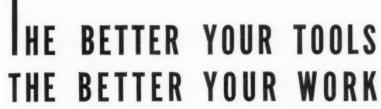
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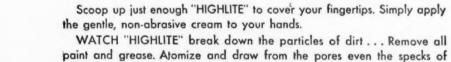


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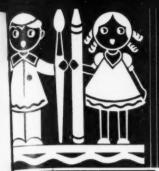
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Above left: First Communion, Maria Capdevila of Cuba

Above right: Girl with Doll, Diego Rivera, Mexico

Lower left: Manuelito, Pachita Crespi, Costa Rica

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Lower left: A Little Maid of Berne, Switzerland

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# CHILD ART IN FRANCE

ARIED as the customs and traditions of their homelands may be, children's interest in creating in visual form is universal. Eager for new experiences, they readily adapt themselves to any medium made available to them.

These youngsters in a nursery school in France, undisturbed by the unsettled world around them, concentrate on their weaving with the patience and skill of experienced weavers.

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A group of children's drawings from the second to the fourth grade which show the variety of ways that children draw people. In each case, the people are a part of the whole composition

# CHILD ART TODAY

ANNA DUNSER, Art Director, Maplewood-Richmond Heights Schools, Maplewood, Missouri



HILD Art, as term, to distinguish the art of the child from that of the adult, is of recent origin. Perhaps we first heard of it when Franz Cizek conducted his school for children in Austria. Or perhaps it was our kindergarten and our private progressive schools that

first gave us the idea, if not the term, Child Art. At any rate, since the time it was first recognized, there have been intrepid teachers who have valued it and encouraged the children to continue to express themselves in their own way. This recognition and encouragement of a natural tendency, in small children, to express thought and feeling in a visible form with remarkably satisfactory arrangements, is commonly

known as teaching creative art.

Children in nursery schools, in kindergarten, and often in first and second grades need only the opportunity to do some creative work. The teacher furnishes time, space, and materials. Children are born with the experimental attitude. They use the art material to endeavor to express some thought or some feeling. But as children grow older, their nature changes and they express themselves in different ways and about different things. methods of teaching art must keep pace with the change in the children. Somewhere art ceases to be Child Art and becomes Adult Art. At all stages it must be taught so that it remains truly self-expression and beautiful arrangement.

Creative Art in its first and simplest form, that of small children, has not yet been accepted by all teachers. There are those who have not seen it and have not had the courage to try such teaching when they have only read about it. Some have not believed

that it could be done.

Not long ago a young and enthusiastic director of art endeavored to convince the teachers of her city that creative teaching is more real and more necessary than the copy type of art. She told them that they need not take her word for it alone but that they might read books and magazines written within the last ten years to find that creative art is considered the sensible procedure. One of the teachers remarked that she would not read anything about art that had been written within the last ten years! She felt that it was just a fad which would soon die out and we would all go back to copies and dictation in art.

How extensive the teaching of creative art is at the present time would be difficult to determine. Investigators have found that there is more creative teaching in the primary grades than in the intermediate grades and more in the elementary schools than there is in junior and senior high schools, and the least is found in teachers' colleges. This decrease of creative teaching as one follows it through the grades may be due to the increasing difficulty in teaching the subject and keeping it creative. Instructors in teacher-training institutions have a great responsibility in training the elementary teachers in the ways of teaching creative art, but often they have not dealt with small children for many years and they have not seen the possibilities. Therefore, young teachers go forth to teach art and do not know how to begin. They are usually willing and often eager to learn.

The experience of one primary teacher will illustrate the point. This teacher entered a workshop where creative art was explained. At the end of the two weeks she expressed herself as follows: "I now feel more secure. I had dreaded my art teaching because I thought that I must know just what the children were to produce. I didn't know, and I didn't see how I could have guided them to get certain results even if I had had a vision of the results beforehand. I couldn't tell them what was wrong in each instance and couldn't tell them how to make it

"But now," continued this teacher, "I have a different attitude. I know that I do not control the output of the children. I go at it to find out what they can do. I watch closely, show interest, praise results, but never show or feel anxiety. It is much like giving a test. I do not give the answers. I look for their answers. We will look at the results together, the children and I, to learn to judge, improve, and enjoy the creative art work. Now I shall look forward to teaching children through art materials."

Improving the art work comes through more experience and judging pictures as to: filling the page, connecting parts of the picture, making important things large. It has nothing to do with more accurate

drawing.

When a teacher has been thoroughly convinced that the very small child will seek to express himself if he has material, she will want to know what comes next. She asks, "Does one ever suggest subject matter?" A teacher is always influencing a child's thinking and hence his choice of subject matter for his art work. She may not be doing it intentionally, but every time she takes the children into the yard, or along the street, tells them a story, or reads to them, asks them to tell of their experiences, she is suggesting subject matter. As the children reach the second or third grade, she does it intentionally and sometimes assigns certain subjects for the specific reason that the children have been repeating themselves in their paintings and other art work. While the child is quite small, each piece of work is a struggle. He uses his whole body, he chews his tongue, and concentrates on the work at hand. In this way he grows in ability to express his feelings. When he draws houses, children, trees, animals in the way most children do. he may keep at these simple forms until it requires no effort or concentration. Then he ceases to think and

The teacher suggests particular houses—your house, the house across the street, or a house in a story, or she describes an unusual house. They are not practicing the drawing of houses. They are trying out different kinds of houses, but each is within a rectangle and is a part of a whole composition. The teacher never says, "You don't draw houses very well. Try again." No, she gives them a chance to draw more houses, different houses, just as she gives them a

chance to draw other things.

So again, they are working hard to express their ideas and enjoying it! The word "practice" is not appropriate or tactful in connection with art. Practice implies a repetition for skill, as in penmanship. But if a person were writing a short story he would not do the same story over and over without change in order to become skillful at short story writing.





A group of drawings showing how children in the lower grades draw houses. The houses, however, are in a composition and are not drawn independent of other things in the picture

It is in the ranks of the intermediate and high school teachers and directors of art that differences of opinion appear in regard to methods of keeping the art creative.

Not long ago a group of art educators from different states met around a council table to discuss problems dealing with art in the school. Someone raised the question, "How can art in the public schools be brought to the people in the community in a way that they may understand the teaching of the subject?" One member of the group suggested that the work of one particular person who has been successful in his art—a professional or commercial artist—be displayed. His first efforts, his work in school at different levels through high school, would, according to this art teacher, convince the community that art is an important subject.

Another member of the group said that this would be by-passing the real purpose of teaching art and might serve to discourage parents and children. The reaction might be, "But that boy had talent. My child has no talent in art. It just isn't in the family." This art teacher had a counter proposal. She advised that the schools display work of many children at different levels, that the parents might see that there is a natural way for children to draw and develop just as there is in other lines of work. When mother sees her child's work among that of other children, she no longer is self-conscious and apologetic, for she sees that other children make those "funny looking pictures" too. If the parents could see work from other schools in other states and nations they would see that children do not make trees look like real trees but make them as other children do the world over.

Then, too, teacher should explain to the parents that the children are using initiative and imagination, are developing self confidence and ironing out maladjustments through the art work. Several teachers in one large school hit upon a unique way to explain the art to the parents. A primary teacher would have each child tell his story and she would print-often not more than one line—on the picture. When she had a meeting with the mothers, she showed the pictures and stories. The mothers were pleased. The teacher explained that she could not write their stories as often as she would like to, for it took time to write for thirty children. But she suggested that the parents encourage the children to talk about their pictures and the mother or father write the story on the back of the paper. The teacher could then read the story to all of the children when it was brought to school-if the child had not yet learned to read it for himself.

The teacher also encouraged the parents to write any stories that the children dictated and then the children could illustrate them later if they so desired. The mothers were delighted with the plan, and the teacher was secretly elated for she knew that the parent could not help seeing the similarity between making pictures and writing stories.

These are the primary teachers who think of the child first and art work second. One who believes we are teaching art in order to find and encourage the talented pupils is placing art as more important than children. They say that they are teaching art to all of the children because the majority will be consumers, but they say nothing of the value of art in developing desirable traits in the child.

There are many books and magazines which are helpful to the art teacher, but it is a sad fact that there are still too many that are lagging far behind the actual practice in the more-up-to-date schools. These publications carry articles which advocate copying, all in the name of a "vocabulary" for a subject which is a natural means of expression and needs no vocabulary other than materials. Creative art is like the tone of the voice which expresses emotion without special training. Fifty years ago books on elocution had pages of directions and illustrations to show the student how to hold the head, hands, and body, and in what direction to move in order to express different feelings when reading or reciting poetry. At the present time we believe the feeling of the speaker should dictate the gestures, if any, when reciting in public.

Each stroke of the brush expresses the feeling of the creator of that stroke. Lines are drawn to say something from within. Lines and brush strokes are as sensitive as the modulations of the voice. Therefore, no one can show the child how to make the lines that will say "boy sitting" for him.

The art teacher who is thinking of art first and the child second is probably very sincere in her efforts to make America art-conscious by having more and better artists and by having people appreciate the work of the masters. The teacher who thinks of the child first is not preventing anyone from becoming an artist (for better or for worse). She is giving each child a firm and broad foundation upon which he can build any kind of life.

The "art first" teacher will say there is danger that art will become the handmaiden of the other subjects. She sees that the children will resort to pictures to find how the pioneers dressed, what their houses were like, and any other details that they need in illustrating their social science studies. The children's pictures may then become copies of those in the book. The "child first" teacher also knows that there is that possibility. But the two teachers solve the problem in entirely different ways. The former would discourage any integration, that art might remain pure art. But the teacher who thinks of the child first and his all-around development will welcome the chance to have her pupils express themselves in regard to their other school subjects. If she teaches all the subjects, she will teach the content subjects in such a way that the happenings seem real and the children will be eager to picture things the way they understand them. They are asked to paint things as they imagine they looked. The results will show how well or how poorly they understood what they studied.

If the flag of the United States appears upon the Mayflower, or Washington is shown talking over a telephone, the teacher can see what she needs to emphasize in future social science lessons, but these mistakes in historical timing have nothing to do with art quality. Again, think of it as a test. If the art art quality. Again, think of it as a test. teacher is not teaching other subjects and the correlating is done at her own instigation, the problem is the same, only she feels no responsibility for inaccuracies in historical knowledge. If some other teacher requests the art teacher to assign historical subjects, and the children picture them as they understand them, though their knowledge is scanty, the art teacher could show the pictures to the history teacher and suggest that the children illustrate that subject a little later after they have had more time to straighten out facts in their minds.

In the intermediate grades there is some danger that the children will become discouraged with their way of drawing things. This is caused by outside influences such as other children, parents, other teachers, or anyone who tells the child that his work does not look right. No one likes ridicule and children would prefer to quit all art work to having it ridiculed. Two methods of encouragement are used by the art teacher. Sometimes one works, sometimes both. The pupil is encouraged to appreciate the design in his work for it is far more important than accurate drawing. If the child is particularly interested in drawing he can improve by being more observing. A man who knows a machine quite well can draw a diagram of it, while an artist who knows nothing about the machine cannot draw a picture of it.

The teacher should have a conference with the mother of any child who grows discouraged. When the mother understands the real purpose of the art lessons, she will not ridicule it or allow other members of the family to laugh at the work and throw cold water on the child's enthusiasms.

If these children have done creative work in the lower grades and do it as a matter of course, they will not be too easily discouraged. They not only make pictures but they originate designs and use them on many things. They enjoy block printing and stenciling so much that art lessons are a joy.

In the majority of schools, art becomes an elective in the eighth grade, which means many children do not have time or opportunity to take art after they leave the seventh grade. Too many people—children, teachers, and parents—assume that the art lessons have been for naught if "talent" has not been discovered in the child.

It should be explained to children who are taking art for the last time that the purpose of the lessons has not been to develop skill in drawing—this would do them little good in adult life—but the lessons have been to show them that they do have ideas—good ideas—that are worth expressing, and the lessons have taught them to organize or arrange their work, their play, homes, yards, cities, and every other thing that is to be arranged. It has taught them to do more attractively the work that had to be done anyway. The teacher had no idea of making artists of them, only in the sense that we are all artists to some degree. The majority of junior high age children can understand such reasoning. Then perhaps we shall have a new generation which recognizes the value of art teaching in the public schools.

If the most of the children have learned to appreciate simple rhythmic borders and all-over patterns of interesting shapes, they will use them to decorate curtains, table covers, dresses, and all sorts of household articles as well as outdoor things. When art educators have attained such results they are on the high road to developing an American folk art which will make it possible to give gifts that cannot be duplicated in every store from Maine to California.

To attain real and lasting results in creative art each teacher must do his part from the time the child enters nursery school or kindergarten until he leaves the last art class in his educational journey. The personality development is a part of the child's art training that results in good taste. The unusual idea expressed in an organized way can be enjoyed by those that produce as well as those that look—whether you call it developing good taste or developing a good citizen.



An all-over pattern which was drawn in lively reds, yellows, blue, and green wax crayons, by Vera Schnarr when she was in the first grade at Lyndover School, Maplewood, Missouri. Upon completion of her crayon design she coated the entire piece with black tempera and the results were this striking pattern most adaptable to textile design



Junior High School girls study a painting entitled "Primitive Man," by a student of the Gwyns Falls Park Junior High School, which was included in the exhibition of the School Museum of the Baltimore Department of Education

# STUDENTS' PAINTINGS FOR SCHOOLROOM DECORATION

LEON L. WINSLOW
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N EXHIBITION of thirty paintings and designs made by children in the Baltimore Public Schools for use in decorating the interiors of school buildings was shown in the school museum, suggestive of what can be done by children to make their

schoolrooms more attractive through the display of their own art products.

The exhibit consisted largely of paintings made by junior and senior high school pupils, and there were several textile hangings and three paintings from the elementary schools. Some of the larger pictures were framed and all were under glass. Subjects treated by the child artists included for the most part neighborhood scenes, although there were several purely imaginative themes. Parents, as well as teachers and their pupils, found this exhibit both interesting and stimulating. Containing examples of some of the best work done by children in art classes, such exhibits provide a standard whereby parents, teachers, and pupils may better judge the school art products.

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# BARBARAGOODS ELLER BELLE BOODS ON THE RESERVE BOODS

A bird by a girl of five from the classes of the Worcester Art Museum. Subject for the lesson was "birds." The instructor spoke of the development of the bird from the shape of the egg. This the child did and then filled in the remaining space with other subjects to complete her idea of a satisfactory design



Design of a girl skipping rope from the Worcester Art Museum's exhibition. The lesson was bisymmetric design. This girl chose a familiar experience which she obviously drew from memory. The figures are drawn with regard to anatomical structure. Note that the symmetry is not too rigid



Nursery class at the Worcester Art Museum. Age 3-5 in 1946

# A GENERATION OF ART EDUCATION AT THE WORCESTER ART MUSEUM

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T THE END of thirty-five years of Child Art research the Worcester Art Museum has organized a permanent exhibition as a memorial to Dorothy F. Cruikshank who was in charge of the children's art classes at the Museum from 1931 until her

death in April 1945. A generous gift from James T. Cruikshank in her memory will make it possible for future generations of children to benefit from her influence. Miss Cruikshank's method of teaching was outstanding in that she had the rare ability of handling large groups of children with most remarkable results.

Possibly what characterized her success in teaching art to small children was her insistence on *design* rather than on *realistic* representation. By this approach she opened the eyes of young children to what is inherent in Art—the beauty of line, shape, and color.

The creative classes for children are the oldest continuing activity in the program of the Museum and have provided exhibition material which is particularly noteworthy in that here an opportunity is provided for those interested in child art to review the cycle of the past, to assess the value of present child art activities, and to chart a course for future child art education.

Four different stages show up in the development of the children's art classes at the Worcester Art Museum.

From 1911 to 1916 the activities consisted of a controlled program. There were definite age limits, behavior rules, and only a limited number of children were allowed in the galleries at one time. During this period, drawing, reading of carefully selected books, playing of games, and picture puzzles were all a part of the children's program and from the group who liked to draw grew the "Museum League" where members were encouraged by the reward of larger and better sheets of paper and the possibility of having their work exhibited in one of the children's rooms—a recognition extremely important in the life of a child.

From 1917 to 1926 the same program was continued but with more emphasis on the quality of the drawing. This period marked the beginning of modeling, special classes in color, design, and principles of harmony.

Up to 1926 all children were selected by their public school teachers or chosen from the Museum's informal classes for admission to the art classes.

In 1927 a new approach to art teaching was inaugurated in which Professor Eggers, then Director, expressed as clear and concise a point of view on the subject as has been stated to this day:

"The aim of this department is not to compete with the Museum School in the formal curriculum of the art school, but to develop in the child innate tendencies toward good design which will ultimately lead to an appreciation of examples of art and utilitarian good judgment. This is accomplished, on one hand by classes in creative design, and on the other hand by lecture courses in appreciation and history of fine arts."

The Worcester Museum has never sought to change this objective and it is universally accepted today by institutions concerned with public art instruction.

What characterized this period was such terms as "creative design," "self expression," and "spontaneous activity." For the first time any child could enter the classes in creative design, and attendance was voluntary. The child's work was judged in reference to his nature and ability and not according to adult standards. In this stage the process became more important than the product. Children were encouraged to draw directly, without recourse to erasers, so that they might visualize their designs in advance. In this way they began to form the habit of drawing with deliberation and finality. To the purely linear work with pencil was added the medium of water color and the method of drawing directly with paint introduced free, spontaneous brush workwith thoroughly satisfactory results.

At this time designing and making marionettes offered even broader experience for third dimensional work. In all these added activities, emphasis was upon design rather than upon representation.

Another period was embarked upon in 1932 when a generous grant from the Carnegie Corporation of New York made it possible for the Worcester Museum to undertake certain experiments with a broader scope in the field of art education.

All the elements of play were then dropped from the program. Art instruction had reached such a state in development as to attract large numbers of children on its own merit—no longer was it necessary to entice the innocent by means of toys.

The method of teaching art in the Museum classes, which is derived from a systematic philosophy similar to the one from which Best-Maugard derived his theories, is based on the assumption that "anybody can draw." Psychologically this assumption is rational and good provided the individual is properly trained. The hypothesis is true only in the sense that any normal person can write if he is taught how. It does not necessarily follow that what he writes will be great literature. According to this system, a probationary period is offered every child during which time ability in art can be determined. Thus no one need be denied the chance of finding out for himself whether or not he can express himself better with brush or pencil than in any other way.

All probationary periods come to an end; and when that happens in child art, decisions regarding further art work must be made. This system of teaching does not seem to work so well with the adolescent group, for while the primary and elementary classes at the Worcester Museum were extremely large, the number of children enrolled in the high school classes was comparatively small. An explanation of this situation may be found in the instruction. That is, a system based on the hypothesis that everybody can draw may break down as soon as the probationary period is naturally terminated, and when positive aptitudes and preferences began to assert themselves in the child. Art activity is like any other human endeavor in that the higher one goes in the scale of development, the fewer individuals one will find.







Illustrating the beginning of the system of art instruction based upon free, spontaneous brush work as was introduced at the Worcester Art Museum's Art Classes in 1927



Basically the child has a desire and need for freedom in expression of his own original ideas and praise for accomplishment, however crude they may seem to us

# WHERE IS OUR CHILD ART?

GRETCHEN GRIMM, Eau Claire, Wisconsin



ACH plan for an art class should be begun on the principle that art is a *creative* process, and any activity which is not creative is not art. Such lessons as copy work, filling in of outlines, and dictation work, are purely exercises to aid motor skill, or worse yet, to kill time. They

should be rightly named "poor and trite seat work" or "busywork," not "art." At best, they are only an aid to the technician and do not belong in the field of art. To be sure, an age comes to each child when he asks for help. For example, when a child asks how to draw a chair so that it will "sit down," we help him. Until he asks, I believe we should leave him alone.

Similarly, the belief that "every child is an artist" has guided my teaching for the past ten years. I have seen each child as an individual, endowed with genius and the desire and the right to create. And he should continue this attitude always. Isn't the most important tenet to be taught—this attitude—rather than either a skill or an appreciation? Creativity leads to the aim "the sympathetic attitude." But we find that parents and administrators, and many teachers, do not want an attitude set up to build future broad-minded, art loving, cultured citizens. They want the little six-year-old to be an "artist"

today—producing flawless, grown-up, photographic looking pictures, smooth and even clay modeling, and crafts—not "child-like," but "teacher-made."

Upon occasion when I drive around the country visiting schools, I find very little art of any type. If any is being taught, it is purely and completely copy work. All creativity, originality, and child-style has ended with the first grade (or, heaven forbid, probably before that). If the teacher has been compelled to teach art, she has given one of these two lessons: She posts a picture in the front of the room, takes a free period for herself, while the poor children try to copy said picture. After the children are through, the teacher proceeds to grade the results by measured standards of "photograph likeness." He who is unable to "copy" fails completely and becomes forever miserably inhibited. And here, what has happened to our future art "attitude"?

Our second lesson type is the one which appears when the teacher has enough time to hectograph some trite picture for the children to "fill in." In these lessons, the teacher judges on how well the child "follows the line"—with never a thought of such truer values as brilliance and harmony of colors or originality of coloring. Likewise, we find no "learning experience" and surely no creative self-

expression. Furthermore, have either of these lessons any hint toward personal enrichment, social value, or future sympathetic attitude toward art?

When these sights pester me, I try to analyze my own teaching. I try to return to the *basic* element from which the "art" class has sprung. What do we want anyway?

Through this analysis, I find we must return to the child. What are his needs and desires? What will they be in years to come? To mention the basic few, we find in the little child: love of brilliant colors, a real desire and need for freedom in expression of his own original ideas, and praise for his accomplishments (however crude they may seem to us).

When we finally discover and honestly understand the *child*, we find ourselves in a position to begin to set up the phase of our child's life called the art class.

Do any of these basic child desires indicate or even hint at copy work or dictation? I cannot see it!

The story of the child drawing the "air" in his picture is an old story. His sky comes down a few inches, the earth comes up a few, and the space between remains uncolored. That is the air. He knows we must have air to live and that the sky does not really come down to meet the earth. That is the basic truth, and be believes it. And yet, we try to make him bring the sky down and the earth up to form our conception of an unreality—the horizon line.

Children should be praised for the differences of opinion and for self-assertion in defending them.

They have the courage and confidence at that age. The six-year-old is not afraid to remake nature to suit his own taste and the demands he feels in their creation. This personal vision and expression are prerequisites to genuine creation in art.

Another interesting story of the child concept is that of the little fellow painting the cow. Teacher never realized his painting was right until she went out to a pasture and sat down on the grass and looked up at a cow! Similarly, how can we criticise when little Jackie paints a huge trunk to the tree and a small top? He paints things as he sees them and feels them. He feels art in its true conception in every phase of life, from the time he awakens in the morning until he falls asleep at night. And even then I am sure it follows in-in his unrestricted dreams of fairies and sugar plum trees. Why then can't this beautiful unfettered dream of fairies and sugar plums follow him through all the years of his life to develop in our schools and in our lives an art that has found the truth, an art undictated, unrestricted, and uninhibited, but directed toward a creative and expressive life full of beauty and love and understanding, instead of fear and hatred and wars?

Back to my second question, "What will the needs and desires be in years to come?" We all must know what we seek. It includes uninhibited lives full of beauty, kindness, peace, tolerance, understanding, and all the words in the vocabulary which total up to "happy living." The right kind of art education directed toward little children and continued so on through all the school years could make this a reality.



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Marionette class at the Children's Summer Studio at Lawrence, Kansas

## THE CHILDREN'S SUMMER STUDIO

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T THE TIME we started the Children's Summer Studio we did not foresee either its size or the length of time it would last. Last summer marked the thirteenth regular six-week session in a series unbroken since the first term in 1933.

Two advanced University students, willing to give part time teaching, helped me start the Studio. We expected twenty-five children and got one hundred and fifty. We had \$3.25, contributed by the P.T.A. Council, to spend. The money went for crayons and paper for children who had none. The board of education gave us a building, janitor service, and the use of equipment. The children were allotted to limited attendance but many frankly hedged and appeared on days they were not expected to come. We were forced to deny junior and senior high school students admittance.

The next year I offered my services as director if the town would supply some money for teachers. \$275 came in from clubs and individuals in gifts ranging from 10 cents to \$20. We paid six teachers \$35 each and that salary stood until the war years.

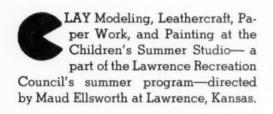
For eight years support came from Lawrence citizens, with increasing help from the schools. As a

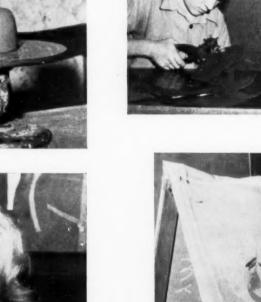
wider summer recreation program for Lawrence children grew, the Studio became a part of that program, was put under the direction of the Recreation Council, and the past two years drew its support from a recreation fund in the Community Chest, and from the board of education.

The Summer Studio has two purposes: to furnish constructive leisure activities for Lawrence children and to give teaching experience to art education majors in my department at the University. Until the war, no regular teacher was engaged who had not been graduated from teachers' training in art with the exception of specially trained Indian girls from Haskell Institute who taught weaving. Many undergraduates have assisted in the Studio during the years, as have outstanding high school art students. If there is any money left in the budget, assistants are paid something according to the responsibility they have had.

After the first year, any child who had attended kindergarten or had not graduated from high school was admitted. The highest attendance of any one session was 306. The average has run between 200 and 250. As many as nine teachers and as many assistants are used in one year, depending on demand for classes and availability of teachers.











The Children's Studio is a workshop kindergarten, and first grade children form a class where a wide variety of activities take place. All children from second grade through high school choose the shop in which they wish to work for the first three weeks. At the end of this time they may change to another class if they like, for the second half. The most popular classes through the years have been clay modeling, wood, painting, and design.

All attendance is voluntary and no fee is charged any child enrolled in the Lawrence schools. Children from outside are charged a small enrollment fee. Many children from out of the city have attended the Studio, some of them coming for that purpose.

Visitors from many places have come to the Studio and are always surprised at two things: the number of rooms full of children, and the concentration with which they are working.

Every year there is a picnic, shows by the marionette group, exhibits of work from the various shops. We have had Indians in full regalia, a huckster with his wagon and lean old horse, and a pet pony as models for the drawing class. A fine sculptor taught the clay class two summers. One of the girls who helped start the Studio has returned to teach five times. A sixth grade girl who attended the first session was graduated from the School of Fine Arts at

the University and taught painting one summer in the Studio.

Last spring a teacher and the Studio director were discussing plans for the coming summer. A little boy wearing glasses over eyes too big for his face, edged closer as the conversation went on.

"Are you coming to the Studio, Jimmy?" he was asked.

"I like that place," he said with conviction, and added with considerable definiteness, "I'm going there every summer."

There was Clara from across the river who walked two miles every day to the drawing class. Clara's home was plain, but at school she used rich colored chalks all term. When asked the next year if she would come again, she said:

"I dunno." Later, she approached cautiously and said:

"I'll go to art school if I can have chalk."

Evelyn, whose father was a college professor, came six summers in a row and worked in a different shop each summer.

The war years were not good for the Children's Studio because the war years have hurt all activities needing good teaching. But we got through without giving up a single session. We are looking forward to next summer. With Jimmy I can say truly:

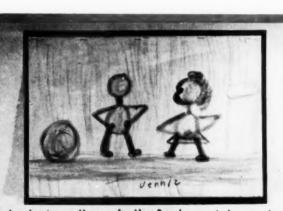
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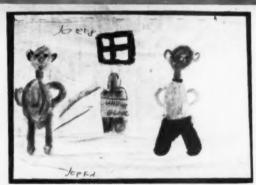
The Junior Red Cross Class at the Children's Summer Studio in Lawrence, Kansas makes interesting cross-stitched wall hangings for a hospital in Topeka



In Miss Brady's second grade class at Bakersfield, California, emphasis was put on work rather than the finished article. There was a wide range of ability shown, yet each figure had symmetry and charm



We start with a ball of clay. We make a shape we want. For a child, we pull out a neck and a head, and two arms, and two legs. It must stand up. The next day it will be stronger. We finish the hands and the feet. We make a face with round cheeks. We make holes for eyes and mouth. We make hair with a real comb. We put a little skirt on a girl. We stand the figure under a can to dry slowly. Fun, fun!



We paint the figure with Under-glaze. That makes it very hard. The next day we paint it with Plasti-glaze. We use the colors we like. In two days we sandpaper it to make it smooth. Now we burnish it with a glass rod. That makes it shine. The figure looks like stone with lovely lights.

# CLAY THAT WAS PLAY

MAY E. BRADY, Remedial Second Grade Teacher JOYCE MASSEY, Art Supervisor, Bakersfield, California



H-H-H! It is pretty!" It was only a plaster mold pin burnished with bright colors that had caught the fancy of my class. Poor little retarded second-graders, starving for beauty and nursing a secret heartbreak—school failure! Each one was a nervous problem. I resolved

that my class would experience success.

Like other children, their most natural desire was for expression, and I know their greatest delight would be in their own handiwork. I hoped the final work would be with clay—and so it was! But clay was preceded by a long, careful build-up of art experiences. These involved side-of-crayon drawing, blackboard and chalk drawing, paper cutting, a little wood work, one mural painted with wet tempera, and much easel painting. Special attention was given to color, dark-to-light for contrast, shapes, form, and movement. Then clay was introduced. I chose clay because it is pliable and soothing to a nervous child. Also, it is three-dimensional and effective in the use of highlights and shadows. Our classroom with stationary desks and far from water was not conducive to clay modeling, but the children learned to adapt themselves. First, they sawed and sanded discarded drawing boards to cover their desks. Old cotton cloths the size of the boards were collected. Later

these cloths, wrung from water, covered the boards. Thus the boards, like the desks, were kept free from clay; the clay was kept moist, and when work was finished the children used the cloths to wipe their hands.

After work, the cloths were washed and hung over boxes to dry. Gallon-sized tin cans trimmed with smooth edges were salvaged from our school cafeteria. They were used to cover unfinished figurines and to insure slow drying. Clay tools were sawed from tongue depressors donated by the school nurse. Two commercial tools and a simple finger wheel added glamour. Water was carried in a pail. Twenty-five pounds of clay were wedged by hand, rolled into 4-inch balls, and were stored in a covered 3-gallon garbage can.

We were ready! My only rules were that workers have clean hands, work reasonably quietly, and all raw clay dropped must be brought to me for inspection. Very little was dropped. Thus worry was saved as well as the floor and the clay. Each child put away his own material. During the manipulation stage all the children worked at their desks in one group. As they developed skill, four to six children worked at our one kindergarten table. Work in small groups stimulated creative work and each child could work within his ability group. Emphasis was on work rather than on the article. Further interest was stimulated when an artist presented us with an



original clay figurine horse. I modeled the head a of child and used a colored boy in class for a model. What fun we had—and what a collection! We had boys, girls, colored and white, a boxer, dogs, horses, donkeys, elephants, and other animals. Some of the figurines were massive in effect, with unusual weight and balance. All were childishly simple, and how dearly they were loved.

When the figurines were thoroughly dry (following a slow period of drying) they were sanded. To insure further hardening and to seal out air, the figurines were painted with one coat of underglaze. The next day another thin coat was put on. The following day color was applied with one coat of plastic types of glaze. This particular finish, when dry, becomes stone hard and may be burnished to a lovely luster. Each child chose his own design and also his colors. From a large selection brown, black, white, spanish red, turquoise, and magenta were the only colors chosen. Two days later, the surface was first lightly sanded

with number 280 emery paper. That gives a smoother finish. Next it was burnished with a glass rod or glass toothbrush container to add a stone-glaze effect. The highlight effect was charming. One child said it "looked like stone with lovely lights." He added that he was anxious "to make his dog's eyes sparkle." I noted how his own black appleseed eyes sparkled as he spoke.

Every child completed at least one figurine. All was his own creative work, from wedging the wet clay to the last stroke of burnishing. No models were used and a picture was referred to only once. On that occasion a child modeled a donkey and immediately changed it into an elephant, all but the ears. Another child helpfully found a picture of an elephant for him, but he barely glanced at it. He grimly applied new ears—this time like his own. How true that a young child creates from within. There was a wide range of ability, yet each figure had symmetry and charm.



A simple plant arrangement prepared for pre-school children under direction of Bernice V. Setzer of Des Moines, Iowa. Even kindergarten youngsters get a real thrill when they see their own creations in a dramatic setting. What could be more intriguing than to see this turtle coming out to meet the surprised duck?

# FLOWER ARRANGEMENT FOR SMALL CHILDREN

MARIAN K. WHITE, Deming, New Mexico



LOWER arrangement can be fun for small children if it is not spoiled by a formal study of flower arrangement. Such a study often takes away from the children all the joy of working with flowers and discovering for themselves some of the simple principles of floral arrangement.

When the flowers started to bloom, I brought a different flower arrangement to school every fow days. Without any comment I placed these

few days. Without any comment, I placed these about the room. The children inspected the arrangements minutely. They examined the pin frogs which sup-

ported the flowers. They caressed the figures in the bowls. They discussed the backgrounds. All this detailed examination aroused their curiosity. They asked innumerable questions. In answering their questions, I naturally gave them some of the simple rules of color, design, and rhythm. I never, however, discussed abstract principles of flower arrangement.

Often, after I had read a story or poem, I illustrated it with a flower arrangement. Sometimes I let the children guess which poem they thought the arrangement illustrated.

One day one little girl said, "Oh! I wish I could see you do some of these flowers in a bowl." Very soon I took some of the flowers they brought and arranged them while they sat fascinated.

When the children were eager to arrange flowers, I gave them all the desired flowers, screens, mats, backgrounds, bowls, vases, pin-frogs, and figures with which to experiment. Naturally, at first they were inclined to copy some of my arrangements. As soon as they became more adept at arrangement, they gave their individual and original touch to their flowers. They, too, interpreted poems and stories in flower displays. In a friendly way, they criticized and complimented each other's work. We never severely criticized any bouquet. Some children are so easily hurt that they would not want to arrange flowers again.

One does not need elaborate vases, bowls, screens, or fine flowers for artistic results. Some of the most effective arrangements are created with simple wild flowers, rocks, and crockery. children may make many of the backgrounds and materials which make a floral display more attractive.

Screens make appropriate backgrounds for flowers. One of the simplest screens can be made by painting a wide piece of corrugated paper either gold or silver. Papier-mâché on cardboard makes an attractive screen. It may be one color or a blend of

For the more drab winter bouquets, an autumn leaf screen is suitable. The children may paste the colorful leaves which they have saved on a heavy piece of cardboard any desired shape. The arrangement of the leaves may be in a symmetrical design or otherwise. Silver or gold paint can be used to fill the space between leaves. Several coats of shellac will hold the leaves down. It will also deepen their colors and give a rich sheen. If one uses yellow and brown maple leaves, the screen will look like leather when it is done.

Nothing is more appropriate to give an oriental touch than a bamboo screen. Sticks of bamboo stitched together make a flexible and durable screen.

Fans made and designed by the children create an exotic background, too.

Other Backgrounds

Other backgrounds which may be made or bought include palm leaves, seaweeds, boxes, cardboard disks, scarves, shawls, crumpled crepe-paper painted, tapestries, and trays.

Bowls and Vases

If desired, the children may make vases by covering jars and jugs with papier-māché and painting them. They can also make bowls and vases out of waterproof clay. Such containers are usually not durable enough to be satisfactory. It is more desirable to have the pupils bring bowls and vases from home, or save their pennies and buy them.

Mats are necessary to protect furniture from water stains. Raffia (any color) woven into varied shapes makes excellent mats. Cork mats are very easy to make and design. They are not easily

Baskets

Some flowers look best displayed in baskets. Children love to weave baskets out of raffia. Baskets may also be made of corrugated paper, papier-mâché, and tin cans. Gourds make pretty hanging baskets.

Figures
Since making wee figures is a most difficult task for small children, it is best to buy a small collection from the dime stores. For special occasions some children will bring more unusual figures from home.

Mirrors

Mirrors in flower arrangement delight little children.

However, these various materials are not essential for pleasing floral arrangements. They only intensify the beauty of the flowers. The initial work and expense of these materials is rather great, but they may be used for a number of years.

Flower arrangement need not be just a spring or fall affair. Since flowers are more and more inexpensive, it can be enjoyed the year around.



STOCKING TOYS. Gay costume dolls made of stuffed stockings and dressed in varied costumes are but some of the interesting work carried on in the program for post-graduate teachers in the Municipality of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, by Miss Mabel Lacombe



### PAPIER-MÂCHÉ TOYS

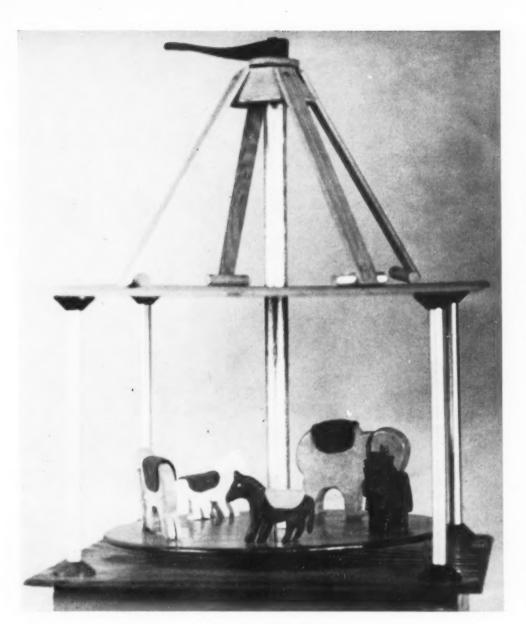
JEWEL H. CONOVER Kirkwood, Missouri

At Circus time last year the junior high school students made papier-maché animals, clowns, and birds.

They were modeled in plasticine and covered with four layers of newspaper strips and one of paper towel, dipped in diluted

paste. After drying, they were cut apart with a razor blade, the clay dug out, patched together again with papier-mâché, then painted with tempera and given two coats of shellac. Some were painted with more or less realistic colors, others were purely decorative. Some few figures that were too tall for good balance were weighted down with pebbles when the clay was removed. They were all successful, and we have yet to meet a child who does not like to model in clay.



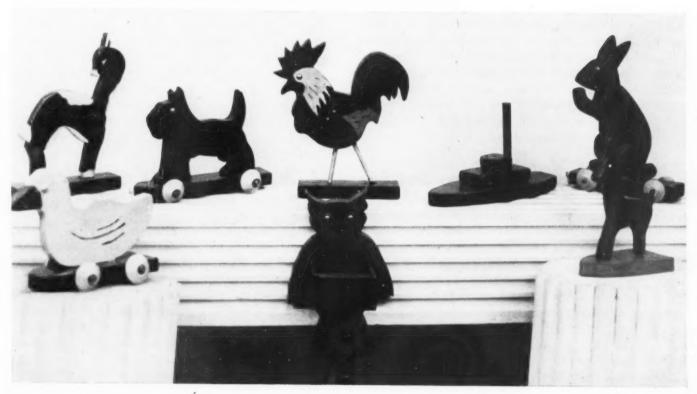


#### WOODEN TOYS

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During the shortage of materials, we had each boy in our shop class for children between 7 and 12 bring a discarded box or crate. The children learned the use of simple tools such as hammers, pliers, and screwdrivers in dismembering these boxes. Then they outlined the shapes of animals, ducks, roosters, etc., upon the salvaged pieces of wood and cut them out with a jigsaw or coping saw. For wheels they used spools from thread, and eyes were made from upholstery tacks. When the pieces were filed, sandpapered, and assembled, the children found such delight and satisfaction in their work that we are now engaged in the task of making toys for the European children of Displaced Persons.





# TONGUE DEPRESSOR TOYS

SHIRLEY POLANSKY, Rockville Centre, New York



WANT to make a doctor-stick doll," one youngster of seven shyly informed me, while a ten-year-old nudged him and said, "You mean tongue depressor." And that's what the playground favorite turned out to be—

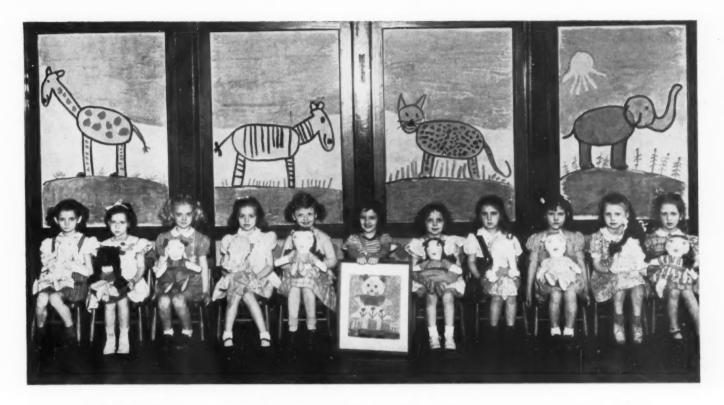
nothing more than the tongue depressor in a glorified state. Youngsters ranging from seven to fourteen seemed equally interested in the variety of toys and creative possibilities of this project. By the end of the summer we had girl and boy dolls, elephants, giraffes, dogs, horses, zebras, and donkeys, and a great deal of conversation on what was going to evolve the following season.

The creative possibilities will stretch as far as the imagination. The process of making a tongue depressor toy is simple—and this is part of the charm of the finished article.

A doll requires five tongue depressors, a piece of cardboard, 3 by 7 inches, string, poster paint, and clear shellac. One stick is used for the trunk of the doll; two holes are punched at the bottom end and two others about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches from the other end. In one end of the other four sticks, punch a hole using a

regular paper punch. String the four sticks to the trunk stick to represent arms and legs. Make a double knot. Fold the cardboard in half to a 3- by 3½-inch proportion and holding the fold on top, draw as large an oval as possible, leaving space for the neck the width of the tongue depressor. Cut this shape from the cardboard, keeping the head joined on the fold. Paint the cardboard the same shade as the tongue depressor, or if a darker skin tone is desired, paint the tongue depressor arms and legs to match. When dry, paint the features on one side. Hair may be added, using wool, raffia, or any scrap material, or paint. The dress or suit, shoes, and socks are painted directly on the sticks-one side representing the front and the other side the back of the figure. Using a staple gun, fasten the cardboard head to the tongue depressor so that the neck overlaps the trunk of the doll. Use white shellac on all wood and cardboard surfaces.

Animals take a variety of sticks and trims. A giraffe may be made by using two sticks stapled together for the neck length, four sticks for the legs, and one for the trunk. A dachshund will require one-half stick for each leg (a coping saw will separate the wood easily). Felt and oilcloth are useful for decoration.



# GOOD-MANNERED PIGTAIL DOLLS

ELISE REID BOYLSTON

Supervisor of Art, Elementary Schools, Atlanta, Georgia



EGGY is such a Tomboy, Miss Ramey. She doesn't care for dolls. If I send the material for a rag doll, it will just be time wasted," finished Peggy's mother. So Peggy engaged in other kindergarten activities while the other little girls made rag dollies.

The kindergarten had a toy sewing machine. The making of the dolls was for pleasure, purely. However, as the little girls sat in a group around the machine, taking turns stitching the seams after Miss Ramey and her assistant had cut out the dolls and the dresses, there was talk among the small seamstresses as to what kind of children they would have. This naturally led to what the little mothers were to teach them. Since good manners is an everyday topic of conversation and also a practice in the kindergarten, it was good manners that each little mother wished her child to acquire. As the group discussed good manners it was interesting to note that it was repeating all those points of etiquette that the teacher had stressed.

The making of the dresses proved quite simple, since there were two seams only, one on each side. Necklines, hems, and sleeves were finished products with the aid of pinking shears. At least, Miss Ramey thought that the clothing for the dollies would be easy until one little girl asked, "What about underwear?" The group discussed the necessity for underwear, but the small questioner settled things when

she stated, "Well, my mother wouldn't let me go anywhere without underwear."

The teacher made the dolls' wigs of floss. She also outlined the faces, but each child finished the eyes, lips, etc., with colored crayons. The shoes and socks were also made with the aid of crayons.

Since the dolls couldn't be taught good manners unless the small mothers practiced good manners themselves, it was decided by the group not to take the dolls home until each owner was sure that she was ready to set a good example.

The principal was called in to see the dollies. She learned while there that when well-mannered children must walk in front of people, they say, "pardon me." Well-mannered children say "please" and "thank you," and instead of pushing and poking each other, they wait their turn.

Now toys must have a trade-mark, and don't for one minute forget that five-year-olds are aware of this. There are "Cuddly Toys" and the "Dolly Dimples." So the kindergarten, after many suggestions, chose "Good Mannered Pigtail Dolls." Each doll is a pigtail doll, as you see from the picture.

And what about Peggy? The day the little girls carried their dolls home, she seemingly didn't mind at school, but when she reached home and mother, she cried. So Peggy's occupation in kindergarten, at present, is making a rag doll. Peggy's mother sent the material, too.

However, Miss Ramey has another problem. The boys want good-mannered toys. What shall they be?

## **OUR HARVEY**

CLAIRE BIRTZ
Southbridge, Massachusetts



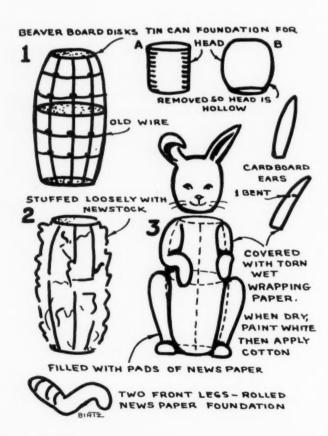
AST Easter the art classes of Mary E. Wells High School finished a project which brought the school and the classes more publicity than anything we had ever attempted. The project consisted of a five-foot Easter bunny made of papier-mâché and covered with cotton batting. The bunny was

dressed in a short blue bolero, wore a yellow bow tie, and carried a basket of variegated crepe paper flowers. When displayed in a classroom window on a level with the street and lighted every evening for a week before Easter, our rabbit was greatly admired. Southbridge is not large enough to warrant very elaborate Easter window displays and the children of our town were delighted to see the Easter bunny.

We secured a great deal of favorable publicity when a young reporter was invited to see our rabbit. So impressed was the reporter that we were given a two-column write-up on the front page of our local newspaper. After reading this, the whole town turned out to see the rabbit. Believe me, one child even ran away, and after a very anxious hour, was found by neighbors in front of our window, after having crossed three dangerous street intersections.

Our bunny was constructed in the following manner:

After lengthy class discussion as to what type of display should be attempted, students brought in clippings and cards which pictured rabbits in sitting positions. These were not too easily found, for we began our project right after Christmas! We studied





the illustrations, and all preconceived notions that we had that all rabbits looked the same were discarded. Of all the clippings, no two were alike. Some were chubby, some thin, some tall. So we decided to model one of our own.

One boy who had a flair for modeling animals made the original. Once accepted, we tried to keep as closely as possible to the original model. This was very important, as you will find it extremely difficult for students to mentally visualize an animal. The armature was made by two other boys who enjoy construction work. Our rabbit was made from a great variety of materials. Everything from wooden panels to discarded wire were used. The frame was extremely light. Even after completion, the rabbit could easily be lifted by one of our larger boys. The head was made separately and was not set on till the last, and we even named our rabbit "Harvey" after the famous stage rabbit.

When the frame was finished, it was stuffed lightly with crumpled newspaper. This weighed but little, and it was quickly done. Then came the crucial moment. We began to cover Harvey with wrapping paper. The paper was torn from a large roll, soaked, and pasted on.

At this point, to facilitate work, we found it necessary to establish an assembly line. One or two boys tore paper from the roll, another boy filled the sink with water, and soaked the pieces of paper. A third boy took the piece out of the water and applied paste to the back of it, and still others pasted the pieces onto the frame of the rabbit. Our assembly line was very flexible. Some period might find a half dozen in the line, but we made sure that in any group of helpers, at least one person knew just what was to be done.

For three weeks, Harvey looked like nothing under the sun, and at this particular time I was obliged to go around reassuring everyone that, of course, he was coming along—that just a little more work was necessary. An art teacher must radiate confidence at all times.

Finally, Harvey began to look like a rabbit. His head was pasted on, and then one group decided that one ear did not have a much-desired curve so, while one boy stood on a table holding the rabbit's head, another sawed the ear in half. At this point his head came off! In spite of such mishaps, work progressed very quickly.

Of course, the whole school looked in daily and gave us a great deal of free advice.

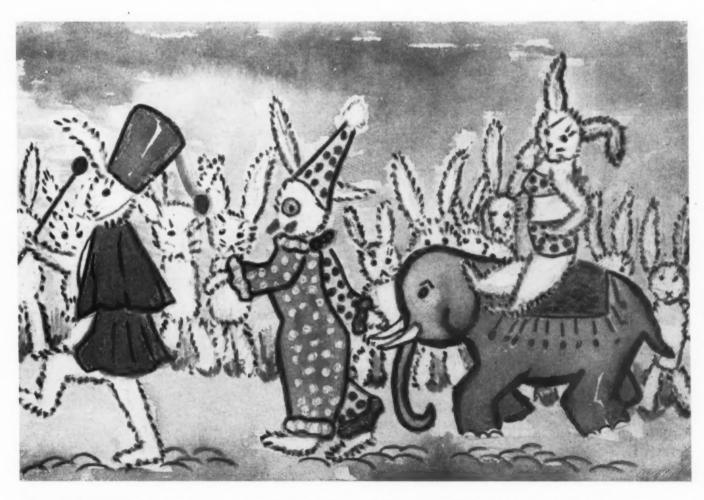
At last we finished pasting, and the question of fur came up. After some experimenting, we hit on this method: The rabbit was painted white. Commercial cold water paint was used because it dries so quickly, and it can be removed from clothing. Next, the inside of his ears were painted pink, also his nose and mouth. His eyes were a darker shade with black outlines and white highlights. The jacket was painted bright blue. Then two boxes of cotton wadding such as is used for quilts were bought. Each layer of cotton

was separated, a thin coat of paste applied to the rabbit, and the cotton was carefully pasted into place. Only the inside of his ears, his nose, mouth and jacket were left uncovered. I think this was one of the most difficult jobs of all, as cotton kept sticking to everyone and it looked as if we were going through a miniature snowstorm.

For finishing touches, whiskers were made from a discarded broom, and he was placed in the window with green grass at his feet.

Our trade school electrical shop is always very cooperative, and they installed two bowl reflectors on opposite sides of the window. These were so placed that one was much lower on one side than on the other. In the lower reflector, we screwed a red bulb. The resulting color did much to brighten Harvey's white fur and the basket of huge flowers which he carried.

Our display was truly impressive and one which children have not forgotten. As for Harvey, he was carefully put away in wrapping paper so that he may be as fresh next Easter. We hope to enlarge our display at that time, and include a few outsize chickens.



CHALK TECHNIQUES—Ann G. Powers, Art Director, Pleasant Valley School, Camarillo, Calif.

Ordinary white chalk, used in every classroom, is an excellent

and adaptable medium for children's art work.

For such effects as fur, we first sketch the animal lightly and make irregular markings with dark wax crayon to indicate the

outer edges. Then when white chalk is rubbed over the crayon, the slightly blurred effect gives the impression of soft fur.

By rubbing chalk over irregular shadings of green or blue one may achieve the iridescent quality of icebergs or the fluffiness of clouds. Such effects too easily achieved give great satisfaction to the children who create them.



The first graders read "The Three Little Pigs" and then every child in the room used his own creative ideas to complete the frieze at the Sullivan School; Grace Baines, Teacher

# THE FRIEZE IN THE GRADES

SARA MAE PENNEY, Supervisor, Elementary Schools, Blountville, Tennessee



HE teacher asked her class the definition of a frieze and an eager boy replied, "A frieze is a story told in pictures." And now children of Sullivan Grammar School have a thorough conception of the meaning and experience in frieze development.

When visitors saw the wonderful results the teachers of the Sullivan School were getting in frieze development, they wanted to know how they did it.

After the story or unit of work on a particular subject has become thoroughly familiar to the group, we discuss plans for a frieze. The children, with the guidance of the teacher, decide what should be drawn in the frieze.

Often we first draw the figures and objects on paper or the blackboard and decide which will be the most satisfactory in the frieze. A discussion usually follows as to the grouping of objects and placement on the paper.

We also let the class help decide on the media used. It might be better in paint, crayons, charcoal, colored chalk, or colored paper. For materials we have used wrapping paper 32 or 36 inches wide and as long as the space for the frieze. This is fairly satisfactory for crayons and some finishes make it possible to use colored chalk and paints. We have used several dry cleaning bags pasted together when other paper was not available. By placing the paper on the blackboard with transparent tape, many children can work at the same time. Colored chalk, dry art paints, tempera paint, crayons, cut or torn colored paper, and



This frieze developed from the study of "Peter Rabbit" by the second grade at Sullivan School; Mrs. Guy Oxley, Teacher



"Cowboy Fever" struck this second grade early in the year, so after many stories of cowboy life were studied, each child did his part in creating this Western scene for their classroom at Sullivan School. Helen Lady, Teacher

charcoal can be used for the frieze. Most children adore to use paint and colored chalk.

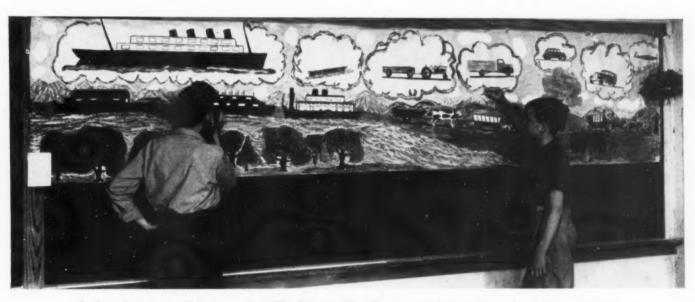
So often we are asked in our rural schools this question, "Where can we paint a frieze with so many children?" We have seen some teachers spread newspapers on the floor and put the frieze paper on it. Small children like to work on the floor. Others put two or three tables together. Most of our teachers have such little room that they put the frieze on the board with transparent tape, low enough for the child to reach comfortably.

Another question often asked, "How can a room of children work on a frieze?" The teacher can let different groups be assigned to different sections and by rotating the groups each day, all children can have a part. The teacher can help groups with reading,

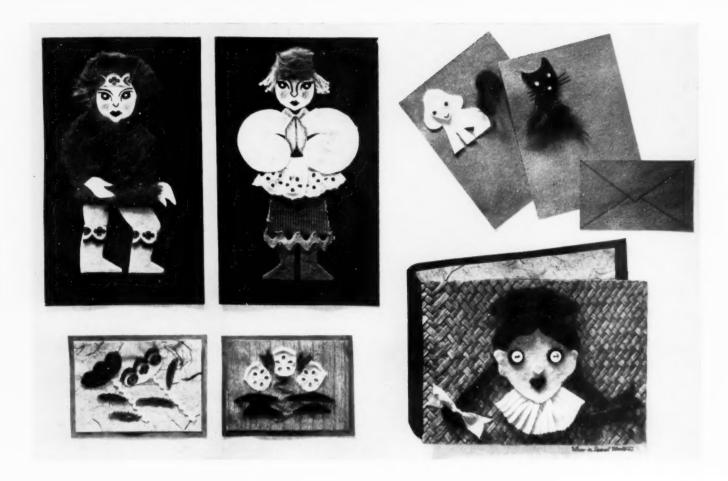
history, or geography while others paint. Very little supervision is needed for the frieze.

The Sullivan County teachers found many valuable results in our work. The frieze offered a wonderful opportunity for creative work which gave the children a pride in the appearance of their room. Socialized work was strengthened and discipline problems disappeared. The children developed a keener conception of subject matter and a deeper appreciation of their classmates' ability and cooperation. The work stressed individual habits and muscular control, and neatness and cleanliness were easily taught during the art period. Aside from being a splendid culminating activity, the above-mentioned benefits of frieze work are good testimony to the importance of the frieze in the grades.





As the culminating activity in a unit on "The History of East Tennessee," the seventh grade at Sullivan School painted the story of transportation in that region. One of the children's own ideas was to visualize the modern age in the clouds. Jessie Guesenberry, Teacher



# **FUN WITH SCRAPS**

AMY ELIZABETH JENSEN
Sixth Grade Teacher, Roosevelt School, Kenosha, Wisconsin



Y PUPILS thoroughly enjoy making heads and figures, using scraps from our ever-present scrap box and from bits of materials saved at home. They are taught to salvage everything which could be of any possible use.

#### Materials

Faces made of paper, felt, muslin, or some other suitable material are given complexion with water color, poster paint, colored pencil, or crayon. Features are painted or cut from paper. For humorous ones, the children like to use tiny buttons, brads, or beads for exaggerated eyes. Colored yarn, string,

floss, cotton, and wool create realistic hirsute adornments. Scraps of plain cloth and paper or materials with small designs make the clothing, and pieces of leather or oilcloth, the shoes. Bits of yarn, feathers, flowers, real or paper lace, and many other things decorate the costumes and jaunty hats, which they so delight in creating.

#### Uses

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- 2. Clever greeting cards.
- 3. Decorations for a child's room.
- Covers for photograph albums, memory books, or scrapbooks.
- 5. To illustrate book characters, costumes, etc.





## A PAPER PLATE SHADOW PLAQUE

MARIAN BLACK, Helm, California



WANTED to encourage creativity and to integrate into the activity at least the major principles of art, so we decided to make plaques of paper plates into which would be set original cut paper

flower compositions.

In the first period the children created flowers and leaves, and the teacher showed several types of cut, folded, and curled paper flowers. She also created some as the class watched.

From the box of colored paper scraps each child chose several in colors that went well together. After following the patterns for one or two of the flowers, most of the group began to create their own. When all had a nice selection of flowers and leaves, they were told they might make their shadow boxes at the next art period.

In the remaining time the teacher demonstrated an arrangement in the center of a paper plate, showing how they could be arranged in interesting groups, letting the children enter into the discussion.

"This is a good form to use for our center of interest. Let us

try it just a bit off-center in the plate. And this smaller flower of

the same form might be put over here to balance it. This one repeats the color of the dominant flower. Into what space does its shape fit best? And this little one repeats that fine magenta—etc. Now where do the leaves fit best?" When the planning was done we pasted the forms in place. The children looked eagerly forward to the next period when each one was to make his own.

At this time, when his arrangement was satisfactorily completed, each child pasted the parts in place. They then painted the sloping edges of the plates in tempera of harmonizing colors.

To make the "glass" for the plaque, a plate was turned upside down on a flat piece of cellophane and used as a guide for the razor

blade which cut the cellophane neatly into a circle.

The flat rim of the plaque was coated with paper cement and the plaque was pressed carefully down upon the cellophane circle. When this was dry, hangers were attached to the back and the children took home a gift worthy of Mother.

Nearly every child had achieved something original in the maker of the place of the property of the place of th

ing of the flower designs, and their understanding of the guiding principles of design was seen in later designs where the children applied the rules independently to solve their problems.



## LIVING STILL LIFE

MARGARET REA, Caro Public Schools, Caro, Michigan

UR ninth-grade art class hit a depression in January. The holidays with their fever of activity were past, the weather was too cold for outdoor sketching, and a dearth of ideas settled like a fog over the Art Room.

For inspiration I placed on each work table a variety of small objects: China dogs and horses, a cat made of pipe cleaners, a plaster Donald Duck, a clown fruit juice pitcher, a bowl of gold fish, a rag-doll, and any other odds and ends I could find.

When the students took their places and viewed the motley collection, a buzz of talk broke out. They handled the objects, felt their weight and texture, experimented with different positions and groupings. When this had gone on for a time, I asked if the students were ready to begin a picture involving one or more of the little objects.

The results were a pleasant surprise. The dearth of ideas vanished. Students entered into the spirit of the thing and produced humorous and fanciful compositions which were doubly valuable because of their originality.





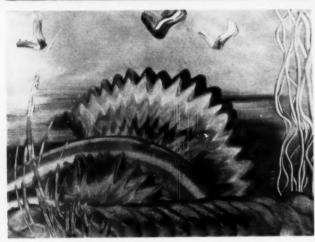




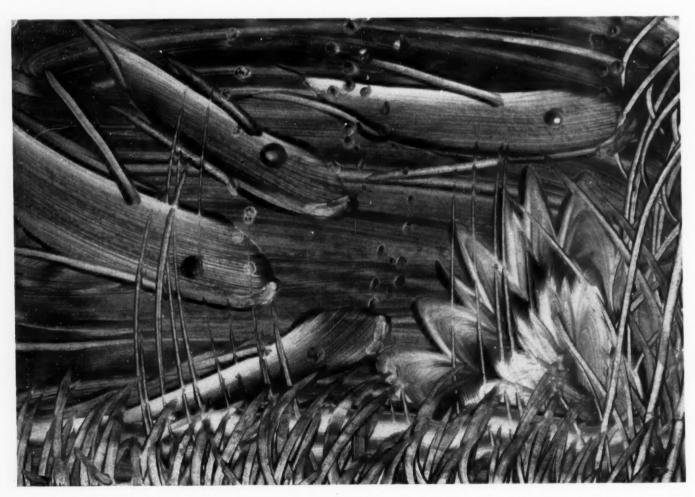
CUT PAPER PICTURES—Frances L. Stokes, Art Supervisor, Ely, Minnesota

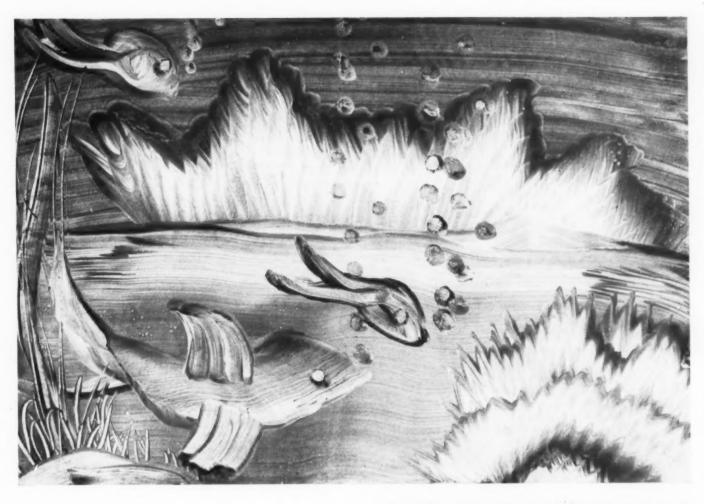
Either pair framed would be a delightful addition to any child's room. Above, Raggedy Ann and Raggedy Andy are all done up in bright cut paper and twisted crepe paper hair, while the characters below could be from Heidi in quaint cut paper costumes of Swiss inspiration











## Seventh and Eighth Grade FINGER PAINTINGS

RUTH N. WILD, School One, Buffalo, New York

VERYONE in the room worked simultaneously on finger paintings made with homemade finger paint of cornstarch pudding colored with tempera paint. When the paintings were finished, we hung them over the pipes of the radiator to dry and then pressed them on the wrong side

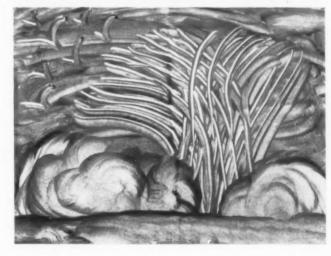
The children bring their own newspapers for desk cover when we fingerpaint, and also a cloth for cleaning up before

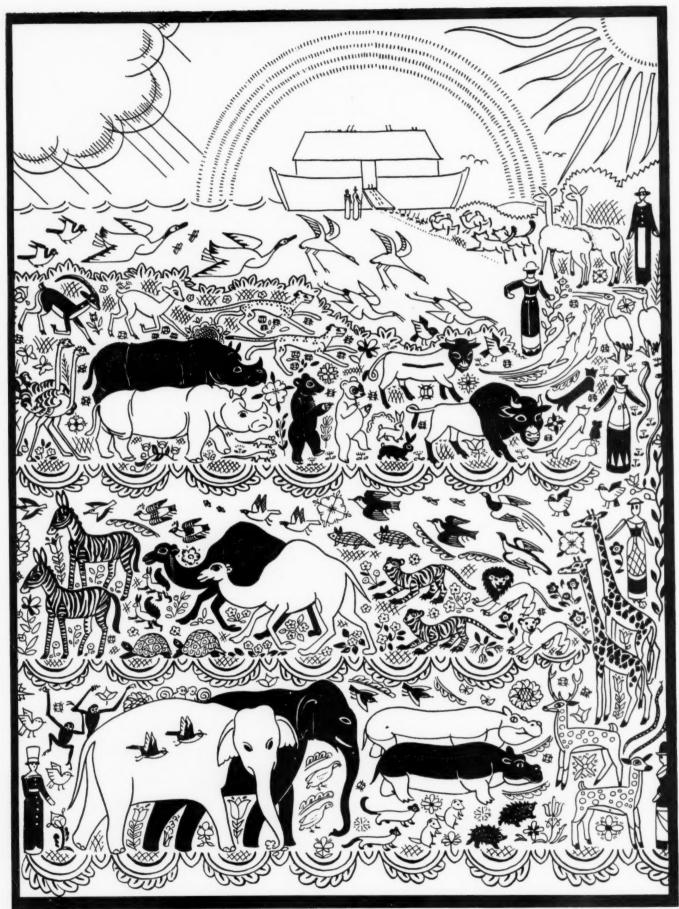
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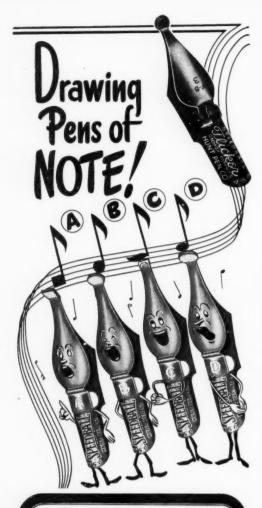
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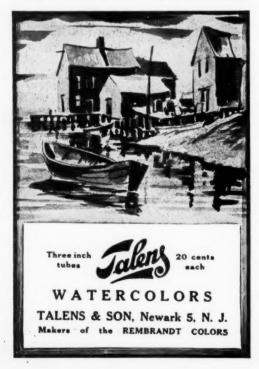
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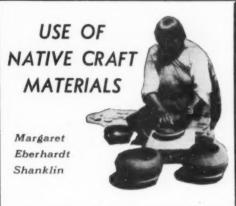
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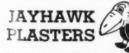
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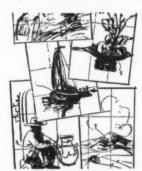
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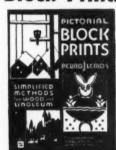
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